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Ms. Patty Van Gerpen Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Draft Rules and Amendments for RM19-001

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached are draft rules and Amendments for docket RM19-001. At its May 2, 2019, meeting, the Commission requested this docket be opened.

Included in the filing are draft rules pertaining to: rate filing, energy facility plans, siting rules, local exchange competition, telecom services, pipeline safety, and stray voltage.

Any interested person may file comments regarding the draft rules on or before June 28, 2019. Based on the comments received, changes may be made to the draft rules and amendments. Proposed rules may then be filed with the Legislative Research Council to begin the formal rulemaking process. During that process, any interested person will also have the opportunity to file written comments, as well as provide comments at the hearing.

Sincerely,

Commission Counsel